

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Mitochondria, located in every cell of the human body and which create more than 90 percent of the body's energy, may not function correctly due to genetic defects or damage caused by drugs or destructive molecules called free radicals; and

WHEREAS: Mitochondrial Disease, the body's inability to turn food into energy to sustain life, can cause a wide range of health issues, such as seizures, low blood counts, blindness, deafness, dementia, heart failure, and progressive muscle weakness; and

WHEREAS: Currently, no cure exists, but early diagnosis can help patients and their families use proper medication and nutritional supplements to improve the quality of life and even prolong life; and

WHEREAS: Through public awareness, the State of Arkansas seeks to minimize the devastating effects of this illness among all Arkansas citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 2019, as

MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

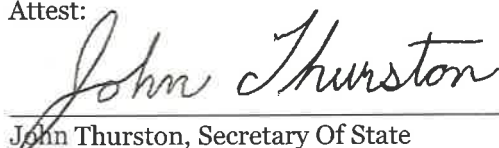
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22nd day of July, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary Of State